

4 (Amended). A process for producing a monoalkylated aromatic compound comprising the steps of:

- (a) contacting an alkylatable aromatic compound with an alkylating agent in the presence of an alkylation catalyst in an alkylation reactor to provide a product comprising said monoalkylated aromatic compound and a polyalkylated aromatic compound, and then
- *separating step*
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- [(a)b] contacting the polyalkylated aromatic compound from step (a) with said alkylatable aromatic compound in the liquid phase and in the presence of a transalkylation catalyst in a transalkylation reactor separate from said alkylation reactor, said transalkylation catalyst comprising TEA-mordenite having an average crystal size of less than 0.5 micron to produce [a] said monoalkylated aromatic compound.

In claim 10, line 2, please delete "(200 to 600 kPa)".

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 7, line 25, please delete "(200-600 kPa)".

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of this application, as amended.

By virtue of this Amendment, the Claims of the present application are now to be limited to Claim 4 and in addition Claim 4 is to be amended to clarify that the alkylation and transalkylation steps are carried out in separate reactors. Moreover, Claim 10 is to be amended to delete the parenthetical reference to kilopascals. It is respectfully submitted that no added subject matter is contained in these amendments. In particular, with regard to the amendment to Claim 4, it is clear from the specification as a whole